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RISHTON.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

INCLUDING DETAILS OF WORK DONE BY THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE DISTRICT OF RISHTON FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1942.

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Council Offices,

RISHTON,

January, 1944

To the Chairman and Members of the
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL of RISHTON.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Interim Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of RISHTON for the year ending 31st December, 1942. The report has been drawn up in accordance with Circular 2067 issued by the Ministry of Health, July, 1940, which suggests that Annual Reports should be curtailed during the period of War, and that records should be kept so that at the termination of the War a full report can be given from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, giving separate statistics for each year.

The various rates in this report are based upon the Registrar General's estimate of the population for the mid-year 1942.

The estimated population is 5,837 which is lower than last year, when the population was estimated to be 6,021.

The Birth Rate is higher, being 13.7 per 1,000 and is an increase of .1 on 1941, but still compares unfavourably with the rate for England and Wales, (15.8 per 1,000).

The Death Rate is higher than last year, being 13.7. The Death Rate in 1941 was 11.4. It is lower than the Death Rate for the whole of the Country, which is 11.6.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is lower than last year, being .37 per 1,000 live births. This is a decrease of .9 over last year, when the figure was .46 per 1,000 live births, the figure for England and Wales is .49 per 1,000 live births.

The Death Rate from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System is higher than last year, being .51 as against .49 of last year. This is an increase of .2.

The Death Rate for Cancer was 1.54 as against 2.15 last year, being a decrease of .61.

The essential work of the Health Department has been fully maintained despite the war.

I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector for his help during the year.

I wish also to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Committee, together with the Clerk of the Council and all other Officials for their valuable assistance during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. ROSS,

Medical Officer of Health.

Council Office,

Hickman,

January, 1941

To the Chairman and Members of the
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HICKMAN.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Sixteenth Report on the health and sanitary conditions of Hickman for the year ending 31st December, 1940. The report has been drawn up in accordance with Ministry of Health circulars, and, I hope, gives members a fair general survey of the period of time, and that records should be kept so as to the tabulation of the Ten Year Report can be given from the beginning of 1929 to the end of the last complete year, giving annual statistics for each year.

The vehicle notes in this report are based upon the Registrar General's estimate of the population for mid-year 1940.

The estimated population is 5,[illegible] which is three less than last year, the population was estimated to be [illegible].

The birth rate is higher, being 1[illegible].7 per 1,000 and is an increase of .1 on 1941, but still compares unfavourably with the rate for England and Wales, [illegible] per 1,000.

The Death Rate is higher than last year, being 12.7. The Death Rate in 1941 was 11.1. It is lower than the Death Rate for the whole of the Country, which is 12.[illegible].

The Infantile Mortality Rate is lower than last year, being .[illegible] per 1,000 live births. This is a decrease of .[illegible] over last year, when the figure was .46 per 1,000 live births. The figure for England and Wales is .[illegible] per 1,000 live births.

The Death Rate from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System is lower than last year, being .[illegible] as against .4[illegible] of last year. This is an increase of .2.

The Death Rate for Cancer was 1.[illegible] as against [illegible] last year, being a decrease of .[illegible].

The sanitary work of the Health Department has been fully maintained throughout the year.

I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector for his help during the year.

I wish also to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, together with the Clerk of the Council and all other officials for their valuable assistance during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) J. [illegible],

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres ... ... ,,,	2878.4
Population (Census 1931).	6631
Population (Estimated middle 1941)	5837
Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate Book at end of 1942)...	1878
Rateable Value	£40,641
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£160

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND CHIEF INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA.

The occupation of the inhabitants of the Township remain similar to last year, namely weaving, together with paper making. There has been some variation of the occupations of many people, due to the war.

I am pleased to state that the unemployment figure has shown a marked improvement during the year.

There have been no specially noteworthy cases of sickness or invalidity during the year, nor do there appear to be any conditions or occupations or environment which have been prejudicial to health. There is no evidence that the war, so far, has had any injurious effect upon the health of the people.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total	Male	Female.	
Live Births	(Legitimate	78	45	33	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid 1942 - 13.7.
	(Illegitimate	2	-	2	
	(Total	80	45	35	
Still Births		8	5	3	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 46.
Deaths		80	45	35	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated pop. - 13.7

Deaths from Puerperal causes:-

	Deaths.	
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis.	Nil.	Death Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Other Maternal causes.	Nil.	-
Total	Nil.	-

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-3 males:2 Legitimate:1 Illegitimate.

All infants per 1,000 live births.	.37
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	Nil.
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	166

Deaths from Cancer (All ages)	9
Deaths from Measles (All ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).	Nil.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1942.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-
Small Pox	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Influenza	-	2	2

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres ... ...

	Males.	Females.	Total
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	2	1	3
Other Tuberculosis Diseases	-	1	1
Cancer - all forms	6	3	9
Diabetes	-	-	-
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	9	10
Heart Disease	11	13	24
Other Circulatory Diseases	1	1	2
Bronchitis	4	5	9
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	-	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	1	1
Septic Ulcer	-	-	-
Diarrhoea (Under 2 years)	-	-	-
Appendicitis	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases	1	1	2
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	1	-	1
Other Maternal Causes	-	-	-
Premature Birth	2	-	2
Congenital Debility and Malformation	-	-	-
Suicide	-	-	-
Road Traffic Accidents	-	1	1
Other Deaths from Violence	5	-	5
All other causes	1	7	8
Diarrhoea (over 2 years)	-	-	-
	34	41	75
Deaths under 1 year - Illegitimate	2	-	2
Deaths under 1 year - Legitimate	1	-	1

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. J. Ross, Part-time Officer. Salary contributed to.

Sanitary Inspector - C. Woodcock, Certified Inspector of Meat and Other Foods; Certified in advanced knowledge in the carrying out of an Inspector's duties. Whole-time officer. Salary contributed to.

Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Health Laboratory, Blackburn, with the exception of sputum examinations for Tuberculosis, these being examined at the Tuberculosis Dispensary, Accrington.

Ambulance Facilities.

For non-infactious cases - Motor ambulance owned by the Council.
The ambulance facilities are considered adequate. Available any time day or night.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

(a) GENERAL NURSING carried out by one District Nurse under the District Nursing Association. Midwifery is not undertaken by the Association.
(b) for INFECTION DISEASES - The nursing of such cases as measles, pneumonia, puerperal sepsis and ophthalmia neonatorum is carried out by the District Nurse. The Council subscribes to the Association.

HOSPITALS:- (1) Tuberculosis - Provided by the County Council.
(2) Maternity - None.
(3) Children - None.
(4) Fever - Cases are sent to Blackburn and Darwen Fever Hospitals when difficulty in isolation at home arises. It is sometimes necessary when the above hospitals are full, to send cases to Burnley or Bury.
(5) Smallpox - Elm Tree Hospital, Oswaldtwistle, owned by the Oswaldtwistle U.D.C.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE - Midwives.

There is one midwife on the Register residing in the Township and two or three others from the neighbouring districts. No midwives are employed or subsidised by this Health Authority. There are no Nursing or Maternity Homes in the Township.

Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children - No special provision.

The Public Assistance Institution is situated in the County Borough of Blackburn.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE.

	Situation.	Accommodation.	By whom Provided.	
Chief Centre	High St.,Rishton.	Ample.	Owned by the County Council.	Meeting and consultations every Tuesday afternoon. L.H.V. also attends daily during week to interview mothers and give advice
Day Nurseries	- None.			
School Clinics	High St.,Rishton.	Eye, Ear and Dental and Minor Ailments Clinic.	County Council.	
Tuberculosis	Accrington Tuberculosis Dispensary.		County Council.	
Veneral Diseases.	Blackburn Royal Infirmary.	Out-Patients Department.	County Council.	Twice a week for males and females.
Orthopaedic Clinic.	Rishtoh.		County Council.	

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The Township is supplied with water by the Accrington District Gas & Water Board.

Drainage & Sewerage.

There was no extension of the sewerage system during the year. The sewage is treated at the Council's Sewage Disposal Works, which are of modern design and the treatment is biological.

Rivers and Streams.

There was no evidence of pollution during the year.

Storage of House Refuse.

All houses are supplied with bins for the storage of house refuse; there are no ashpits in use in the district.

Closet Accommodation. The closet conversion scheme is suspended for the duration of the war.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE - [illegible].

There is one nursing in this District resulting in the Township one or more nurses from the neighbouring districts. No activities are undertaken by this Public Authority. There are no nurses or maternity homes in the Township.

Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children - No special provision.

The Public Assistance Institution is situated in the Township Division of Blackburn.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE.

	Situation.	Accommodation.	Staff.
Minor Centre	Ulpo St. Ration.	Admin.	Owned by the County Council.	Nursing and medical activities are carried out by County Nurse. L.C.C. also provide medically qualified staff to attend and give advice
Day Nurseries - None.			
School Clinics	Ulpo St. Ration.	Exp. Lab. and General and Ulpo Allowance Clinic.	County Council.
Tuberculosis	Association Supervisable Dispensary.		County Council.
Venereal Diseases.	Blackburn Royal Infirmary.	Out-Patients Department.	County Council.	Twice a week for males and females.
Orthopaedic Clinic.	Graftch.		County Council.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The Township is supplied with water by the Ko-Ladon District Water Board.

Providing of Sewerage.

There are no extensions of the sewerage system during the year. The sewerage is planned at the Council's Sewage Disposal Works, which are of modern design and the treatment is biological.

Rivers and Streams.

There was no evidence of pollution during the year.

Storage of House Refuse.

All houses are supplied with bins for the storage of house refuse; there are no vehicles in use in the district.

Closet Accommodation. The closet conversion scheme is suspended for the duration of the war.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

This will be found in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Shops Act, 1934.

Twenty shops were inspected under the above Act. There were no contraventions as regards ventilation and temperature and sanitary accommodation.

Camping Sites.

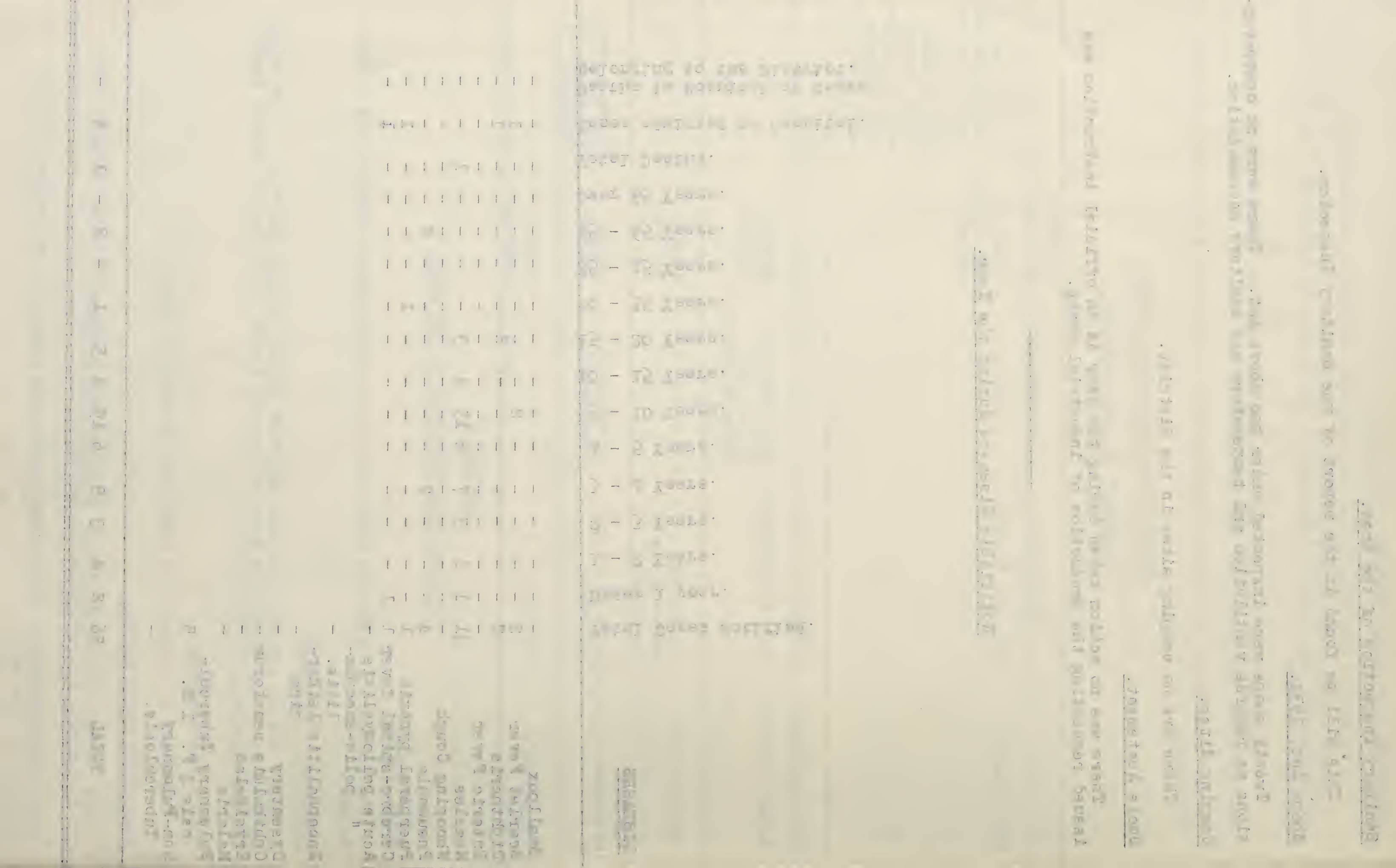
There are no camping sites in the district.

Smoke Abatement.

There was no action taken during the year as an official instruction was issued requesting the production of industrial smoke.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

DISEASES	Total Cases Notified.	Under 1 year.	1 - 2 Years.	2 - 3 Years.	3 - 4 Years.	4 - 5 Years.	5 - 10 Years.	10 - 15 Years.	15 - 20 Years.	20 - 35 Years.	35 - 45 Years.	45 - 65 Years.	Over 65 Years.	Total Deaths.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital of Cases belonging to the District.
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Diphtheria	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	41	1	4	3	7	6	13	4	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-															
" polio-encephalitis.	-															
Encephalitis lethargica	-															
Dysentery	-															
Ophthalmia nenatorum	-															
Erysipelas	-															
Malaria	-															
Pulmonary Tuberculosis 4 F. 1 M.	5															
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	-															
TOTAL	56	2	4	3	9	6	15	4	5	1	-	2	-	1	4	-



PUBLIC HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930.

Total Cases.	Pulmonary.			Non-Pulmonary.			Total Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
34	4	6	10	2	5	7	6	11	17

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

No action has been ca lled for under the above regulations which concerns tuberculosis employees in the milk trade.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The war has seriously interfered with the usual activities of the Sanitary Department. The question of waste water closet conversion improvements to unsatisfactory dwelling-houses and dairy farms must be deferred until the end of the war. Many new duties have been undertaken, such as anti-gas decontamination of materials, including foodstuffs, and the organisation of Air Raid Precautions Services. One new duty has been of interest, that being the recovery and profitable disposal of salvage. This new feature has brought out the latent commercial ability of the Local Government Officers (hitherto regarded by the critics to be non-existent.) Our results have been satisfactory.

House Refuse Collection.

The refuse is collected from dustbins weekly and is collected by means of a horse-drawn vehicle.

House Refuse Disposal.

The house refuse is disposed of entirely by controlled tipping. The tip is satisfactory and free from nuisance. Tipping is carried out according to the Minister of Health's recommendations and it is an economical method of disposal.

DETAILS OF SALVAGE COLLECTED AND SOLD DURING 1942.

	T. C. Q.	£ s. d.
Paper	49.19. 2	257.11. 8
Scrap Iron	7. 5. -	13.19.11
Rags	8. -	6. -. -
Non-Ferrous Metals	-. -. -	5.15.10
Kitchen Waste	-. -. -	11. -. -
Bones	-. -. -	5. -. -
	57.12. 2	299. 7. 5

In conclusion, I desire to acknowledge the many kindnesses extended to me by the Chairman and members of the Health Committee and Clerk to the Council, Medical Officer of Health, Collector, Surveyor, my staff, and other members who have assisted me in the discharge of my duties.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) C. WOODCOCK,
Mem. Royal San. Inst.
(Cert. Insp. of Meat and other Foods).
Mem. San. Inspectors' Association.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS EXAMINATION, 1921.

Level Class.	Examined.			Pass-Lists.			Self-Taught and Self-Taught.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
1A	4	6	10	2	5	7	6	11	17

PUBLIC HEALTH (CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC) ACTS, 1921.

— To notice has been on file for under the above regulations which concerns subversive employees in the milk trade.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The war has certainly interfered with the usual activities of the Sanitary Department. The cessation of waste water sewer-construction improvements to satisfactory dwelling-houses and dairy farms could be deferred until the end of the war. Many new dwelling-houses were erected, most of which are deplorably lacking of material, building facilities, and the organization of air raid precautions services. Our sanitary area has been of interest, that being the recovery and profitable disposal of refuse. This has been helped out the latent commercial ability of the Local Government Officers Institute (assisted by the civilian to be rather latent.) Our results have been satisfactory.

House Refuse Collection.

The refuse is collected from dwelling-houses and is conveyed by means of horse-drawn vehicle.

House Refuse Disposal.

The house refuse is disposed of partly by controlled tipping. The city sanitary authority and from tipping material. Tipping is carried out according to the Ministry of Health's recommendations and is in an economical method of disposal.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS CONCERNING THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Fees	49.19. 3	237.12. 1
Sewer Rent	7. 8. —	17.10.11
Rent	3. —	6. — . —
Non-Perform Metal	—. —. —	5.16. 10
Filthy Meat	—. —. —	11. — . —
Fines	—. —. —	8. — . —
	51.11. 3	289.1.3

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks for the very disappointing material to be by the Sanitary and members of the Public Health Committee and Clerk to the Council, Medical Officer of Health, Collector, Surveyor, Mr Staff, and other members who have been had me in the discharge of my duties.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) C. LOUGHNAN,
Chm. Sanit Dep. Inst.
(Lect. Sec. of Sant Inst other Grade).
Sec. Sanitary Inspectors' Association.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no swimming baths or pools within the district.

Schools.

These are adequately dealt with by the School Medical Department of the Lancashire County Council.

Disinfections.

Beds disinfected during the year. 9
Rooms disinfected during the year. 9

SECTION E.
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

The milk produced within or brought into the Township is on the whole of good quality.

The Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

No. of dealers' licences issued during 1942 in respect of:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk. . . . . .None.
Accredited (Distribution) . . . .One.

Total number of cowkeepers	26
No. on the Register	26
No. of inspections during the year	95
No. of dairymen or milk purveyors (other than cowkeepers).	-
Dairyfarms - 26. Approx.no. of cows in the districts	550

Other Foods.

Bakehouses - 12 in number and other premises where foods are manufactur stored or exposed for sale, have been inspected from time to time and their condition found satisfactory.

Food and Drugs Adulteration (Food and Drugs Act, 1938).

Public Health (Condensed Milk) Reg. 1923-27.
Public Health (Dried Milk) Reg. 1923-27.
Public Health (Preservatives in Food) Reg. 1925-27.

The above are administered by the County Council. During the year, eighteen samples of milk were examined for quality; all.samples were sufficient in fats.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

General.

There were two cases of Diphtheria during the year and none last year; and two cases of Scarlet Fever compared with two last year.

There has been no marked prevalence of other infectious diseases.

The result of the action taken to provide immunisation against Diphtheroa to children to 31st December, 1942, is:-

611 have been immunised - 67% under five years and 68% between five and fifteen years of age.

Bathing in Bathing Pools.

There are no swimming baths or pools within the district.

Schools.

These are adequately dealt with by the School Medical Department of Monmouthshire County Council.

Disinfections.

Rooms disinfected during the year. 9
Rooms disinfected during the year. 9

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) Milk Supply.

The milk supplied within or brought into the district is on the whole of good quality.

The Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936.

No. of dealers' licences issued during 1936 in respect of:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk. . . . . None.
Accredited (Pasteurised) . . . . One.

Total number of producers 24
No. on the Register 23
No. of inspections during the year 36
No. of dairies or milk purveyors (other than producers). -
Dairies - No. Approxim. of cows in the district. 450

Other Foods.

Slaughtered - 10 in number and other premises where foods are manufactured or exposed for sale, have been inspected from time to time and generally condition found satisfactory.

Food and Drugs Adulteration (Food or Drugs Act, 1938).

Public Health (Condensed Milk) Reg. 1923-27.
Public Health (Dried Milk) Reg. 1926-27.
Public Health (Preservatives in Food) Reg. 1925-27.

The above are administered by the County Council. During the year, eighteen samples of milk were examined for quality; all samples were satisfactory in fats.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles.

There were two cases of Diphtheria during the year and none last year; and two cases of Scarlet Fever compared with one last year.

There has been no marked prevalence of other infectious diseases.

The result of the action taken to provide immunisation against Diphtheria to children in Ist December, 1941, is:-

All have been immunised - 37% under five years and 63% between five and fifteen years of age.